

GODLY
Private Praiers, for
Housholders to meditate vppon, and to say in their Families.

Mark. 11. 24.

¶ *Whofoener ye desire vwhen ye praye: beleene that ye shall haue it, and it shall be done vnto you.*

Rom. 10. 13.

¶ *Whofoener shall call vpon the name of the Lorde, shall be saued.*

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*I will call vnto God, and
the Lorde will saue me. E-
uening and morning and at
noone, will I praye and make
a noyse, and he will heare
my voyce.*

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for Housholders, to be
sayde in their Fa-
mplies.

¶ A prayer contrayning the effect
of the Housholders Cate-
chisme.



Almighty GOD, and
most mercifull Father, I
see in thy blessed Lawes
and cōmaundements, the
greatnes of my sinnes and
wickednesse : Yea, I see (O Lord my
God) the whole course of my life to be al-
most nothing els, but a continuall breake-
king of thy holy lawes and commaunde-
mentes. The thoughts of my heart (ey-
ther in vanitie, or els open wickednesse)
are in number infinite, dayly in the ab-
oundaunce of them, causing my mouth
to speake, and my body to execute and do
contrarie to thy holie will. And againe,
(O Lord) I see thy heavy wrath, venge-
aunce, and iudgement against sinne to be
intollerable, that even the least wicked
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thought & moste secrete cogitation of my heart, procureth thy heauy wozath, and euerlasting curse, the tozmentes of hell, and euerlasting fire, euen although I had but once in all my lyfe broke one of thy commaundementes, so much as once in thought. And I know (O Lord God) that thou art true & iust, and canst not abyde sinne and wickednesse, but wylt iustlie punish euerie sinne, euen with the selfe same tozmentes of hell, which thy iustice hath appoynted, euen for euerie sinne.

This O Lorde my God, thzoweth mee downe, and euen amazeth mee, so that I knowe not what to do. I looke into my self, viewing mine own power, whether I am able to ouercome this punishment of my sinne or no: and I see that all euen the most exquisite punishment which I can deuise to my selfe, in whipping of my body as long as I lyue, wearing heauye cloth, pining my selfe with fasting, or any other payne, I see, I see (O Lord) that all this punishment is not sufficient for one of my least sinnes, because it deserueth euen the euerlasting paynes of hell. I looke to heauen, I see there is no Saint nor Angell able to abide & ouercome this punishment

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punishment of sinne : I looke to men in
this woꝛlde, euen to the Popes treasure
that wicked man of sinne , and I see that
neyther his masse noꝛ purgatoꝛy , pilgri-
mage, pardons, penāce, satisfactions, noꝛ
any of such lyke wicked stufte: alas, I see
they are nothing foꝛ y^e satisfying foꝛ one
of my least wicked thoughts : seeing the
punishment is due by the iust decreē and
sentence, thy everlasting curse. Where-
foꝛe I am dꝛiuen out from my selfe , and
al that I can do, to seeke this punishment
discharged other where , oꝛ else to quail
vnder the burthen. I see there is no helpe
foꝛ me in Angelles, Saints, noꝛ moꝛtall
man, but only in that perfect man Chꝛist
Iesus thy deare sonne, in whom I see the
ful punishment of my sinne wholly payd,
satisfied, discharged and ouercome, death
banquished, the paynes of hell in victoꝛy
swallowed vp, the curse satisfied, and the
eternitie of the punishment (thꝛough his
everlasting power) ouer reached. This I
see (O Lord) by the eyes of fayth , being
thꝛough thy holy spirite , wholly assured,
that all the whole punishment of sinne,
payde by my Sauour Chꝛist is not only
payde foꝛ other men: but euen also foꝛ me

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and my sinne . This assurance of my
fayth being thine onely worke in mee , I
beseeche thee in mercie to strengthen and
increase, for I feele it often full of waue-
ring and doubting . Graunt that I may
daylie more and more in my soule & con-
science , feele my selfe knitte and grafted
into the body of thy sone, wherby I may
be assured that whatsoeuer he hath done,
pertayneth to mee, and is fully and who-
ly mine : that I may through the power
of his death, feele dayly sinne dye in mee,
and through the power of his resurrecti-
on feele my selfe risen from sinne, to haue
my full ioy and comfort in those thinges
which be agreeable to thy holy wyll , vt-
terly detesting , hating , and abhorring
from my heart all thinges, which be con-
trarie to thy will and pleasure , that e-
uen in this lyfe I may styll looke for this
endlesse ioy and felicitie, vsing the thinges
of this worlde : as though I vled them
not, tyll that good time that it shall please
thee to call me to thine euerlasting king-
dome of glorie , there to reygne with my
Lord and Sauour Iesus Chyrste for e-
uer and euer. Amen.

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¶ A Prayer vpon the Lordes
Prayer.

O Most mightie Lorde and eternall
God, who hast by thy deare Sonne
Christe Iesu our Lord and sauiour,
reconciled vnto thy selfe althings in hea-
uen and earth, and in him hast made an
euerlasting bonde and couenant with vs
thy faithfull childezen, y thou wilt not on-
ly be our God, but also our most louing
and merciful Father, wherof as a pledge
thou hast giuen vs thy holy Spirit of a-
doption, wherby we may with boldnesse
and full trust and confidence come to thee
by hartly prayer, as vnto our most louing
and merciful father, being assured y thou
wylt not deny vs any thing which thou
knowest shalbe expedient for vs: graunt
we beseech thee (deare father) that we be-
ing fully perswaded in our hearts of this
thy fatherly loue & affection toward vs,
may be stirred vp to make our petitions
with such an affectiō, ardent desire, loue
& reuerence to thy maiesty, y our minds
be not caried away with by thoughtes
creeping in: but without al wādzing may
be fully bent and attentive to y thing we

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aske, and fullie stayde vpon thy mercifull
and iust protection.

*Hallowed
be thy
name.*

We then beseech thee (deere Father) that
thou wilt strengthen our harts with thy
holy Spirit, that consydering thou hast
made althings for the glory of thy name:
so we may in all our doings, enterprises,
counsels and purposes, chieflie aboue all
things seeke thy glory: that we may fully
acknowledge thee (not only y^e Authour of
all things,) but the ruler, guider & gover-
nor of all things, both in heauen & earth,
that we neuer diminishe thy incompre-
hensible Glorie, by attributing vnto our
selues any power, strength or abilitie to
do, will, or thinke that which is good: but
from our hearts we may acknowledge al
our goodnesse to come from thee, yelding
for the same continually praise & thanks-
giuing to thy glorious Name. That we
neuer by distrusting thy mercifull proui-
dence dishonor thy Name: but that euen
in our greatest distresse we may put our
ful confidence in thee, not looking vpon our
weaknesse, but staying vpon thy power
& promises, by hartly prayer fleeing vnto
thee our only refuge, that our whole lyfe
may be so framed according to thy holie
will

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wil in all points, that thy glorious name
in vs may be sanctified , and that we be
not an occasion that thy holy Name be
blasphemed thzough our wicked lyfe and
conuerſation.

Let thy kingdome come (moſt merci-
full Father) appeare , and manifeſtly be
declared in all the woꝛlde, but eſpeciallie
amongſt thy Church, and faithfull flock,
declare thy ſelfe Lord & king ouer them,
ruling them by the Scepter of thy holie
woꝛde, & force of thy holy ſpirit. Encreaſe
the nũber of faithfull Paſtoꝛs and Prea-
chers amongſt the people : bleſſe their la-
boꝛs to y increase of this kingdom of thy
deere ſon Jeſus Chyiſt, and to y deſtructi-
on of the kingdom of ſathan & antichyiſt.
Suppreſſe the rage of the enemies , that
they may know that thou (O Lord) dooſt
reygne in all ages , to the behouſe of thy
Church, and terrour of thine enemies.

*Thy king-
dom come.*

Graunt theſe mercies good Lord, not
only to the whole Church in general, but
eſpecially to euery one of vs thy children
particularly : graunt that we may effec-
tually feele the force of this thy kingdom
in our hearts . Beate downe in vs our
old coꝛrupt Adam, with al ſinful delights
thoughts,

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thoughts, motions and desires : and renew in vs day by day, our spirituall and inward man, that we may be wholly bent to delyght, thinke, desyre, and do those thinges which be acceptable in thy sight.

*Thy will
be done in
earth as it
is in Hea-
uen,*

Frame our hearts (good Lorde) with such humble obedience to thy holy Will, that we may be hartely wel cōtent with whatsoeuer it pleaseeth thy goodnes to lay vpon vs: that we neuer cease in our myseries, but continually call vpon thee by hartie prayers, although we feele no release at all, yet y^e still patiently we may abide, and quietly wayte for thy good leaseure and appointed tyme of deliuerance, when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient for vs.

*Giue vs
this day
our daylie
bread.*

Graunt vs (deare Father, that all our counsels, studeyes, labors, & endeuors, being by thy holy spirit guided & framed we may euery one in that vocation in which thou hast placed him, so faithfully trauell to the discharging of our consciences, and edifying of thy Church, that our account may be found acceptable before thy throne & iudgement seate. So blesse our labours and trauels, that we may haue sufficient ior the preserving of this present life, and
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be content with those benefytes which thou shalt bestow vpon vs, whether they be many or few, acknowledging them to be receyued of thee : not greedily to care for them, or vainly to delight in the, but thankfully esteeme of them, as thy benefytes bestowed vpon vs, and as faithfull Stewards moderatly to vse them, to the releefe of our brethren, and the discharge of our consciences.

Increase in vs (good Lord) the gyft of faith, that we may dayly more and more in our soules and consciences be assured, that our sinnes be defaced, cleane blotted out, and couered with the ful, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice of thy deere son Christ Iesu our Lord and Sauour once made for vs: that we are vnited, knit and made one body with him, partakers of his righteousness, iustification, and holynesse, & euen fellow heires with him of euerlasting lyfe, that we may vnfaynedly from the bottom of our harts loue thee for this thine vnspeakable goodnesse and mercie: forgiuing from our hearts our Brethren which doe offend vs, pray for them, loue, cherysh, and cōfort them as fellow members all of one body, with perfect natural

loue

*Forgiue vs
our trespases,
as we forgiue
them that
trespasse
against vs.*

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loue and compassion lynked together to
our head Chyist Iesu.

*Leade vs
not into
temptati-
on.*

Strengthen vs (good Lord) with thy ho-
ly spirit, that we be not ouercome with þ
subtill suggestions and sinful motions of
Sathan the Diuell: holde vs vp with thy
merciful hand, that we sleepe not in sinne,
that we be not drawne away with the
wicked world, nor the enticemēts of the
flesh, to delight in wickednes: but so arme
vs with thy mighty power, that we may
strongly abide all the assaults and subtill
sleights of our ghostly enimie, & sincere-
ly to walke before thy face, bothe in prof-
peritie and aduersitie, to thy honour and
glozy, the health of our soules, and profit
of thy Church, through Iesus Chyist our
only Lord and Sauour. Amen.

✠ The Lordes Prayer more
at large.

*Our Fa-
ther which
art in hea-
uen.*

O Moste mightie and eternall God,
who of thine infinite loue to man-
kinde, hast giuen vs thine owne e-
ternall Sonne Chyist Iesu our Lord, to
be made man for vs, in the symilitude of
synfull flesh, to become flesh of our flesh,
bone

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bone of our bones, in all things like vnto vs, sinne onelie excepted: who being thy true & natural sonne, hath made vs with him, sonnes, chyldren, and heyses to thee our most mercifull Father, giuing vnto vs by grace, that which is his by nature. And by his due, alone, once offered, sufficient sacrifice, hath payde the raunsome of our sinnes befoze thy diuine Maestie, to satisfie thy iustice vpon sinfull flesh.

Which debt being payde for vs, hee hath brought vs in fauour with thee, so that we may now with boldenesse and trust come to thee, as vnto our most merciful & louing Father, with full assurance, that as thy loue is so much greater and moze excellēt toward vs, then al loue of earthlie Parents towardes their chyldren, as thou passest all men in goodnes and mercie, so thou wilt deny vs nothing which shall be expedient for vs. So that although all y^e fathers which are in earth, hauing shaken off all feeling of fatherlie naturalnesse, would forsake they^r chyldre, yet thou wouldest neuer forsake vs, because thou canst not denie thy selfe: who promistest, y^e if earthlie Fathers being euill, can giue good gifts to their children,

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dzen, how much more wilt thou our hea-
 uenly Father, being altogether goodnesse
 it selfe, giue good things to them that ask
 in thy sonnes name? And that although
 a Mother should forsake her children, yet
 wilt not thou forsake vs thy Chyl-
 dren, whom thou hast before the beginning of
 the world in thy deare sone Iesu Ch:ist,
 chosen to be thy children and heires with
 him of thine immortal kingdom. Where-
 of (that we in our selues might be sure &
 certaine, and out of all doubt that we are
 the chyl-
 dren & heires of euerlasting life)
 thou hast giuen into our hearts thy holie
 Spirit, as a true pledge and earnest of
 our inheritance, which Spirit doth assure
 our spirits, that we are thy children, and
 therfore cryeth in our hearts; Abba Fa-
 ther.

*Halowed
 be thy
 name.*

We therefore as thy deare chyl-
 dren, ransomed and bought by thy deare
 Sonne, flee to thee our most louing and
 mercifull Father, who in goodnesse art
 infinite; in mercie aboundant; in
 substance incomprehensible; in im-
 mortality euerlasting: who by thy migh-
 tie power and syngular prouidence, ru-
 lest all things; according to thy heauenly
 wisdome

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Wisedome : beseeching thee for thy deare
sonne Christ Iesus his sake, that as thou
hast sufficiently set forth the thy glorious
name, in making the whole world, hea-
uen, earth, and all things therein contain-
ed : so we may in beholding & viewing
thy creatures the works of thine hands,
be lyfted vp to thee our Lorde God, the
creatour and Maker, and in them, glori-
fie thy holie Name , acknowledging in
them thy synguler goodnesse and loue to-
wards man, for whose vse thou hast crea-
ted all things, both in heauen and earth:
and that we may for the same, euen from
the bottome of our hearts, yeelde due ho-
nour , prayse and thanks giuing to thee
(deare Father) all the dayes of our lyfe.
Graunt most mercifull Father, that we
may in heart and minde be fully assured,
that thou by thy Heauenlie prouidence,
rulest and guidest all things in heauen &
earth, so that nothing in the whole world
commeth to passe, but according to thine
appointment: that thou guidest & framest
the affayres & doings of men, that y^e hast
euē their hearts & al their powers in thy
merciful hād, to turne the which way so-
euer it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom,
so

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so that whether we be in prosperitie, or
aduersity, we may acknowledge bothe of
them to be thy worke in vs, and therfore
be no lesse thankfull for sicknesse then for
health: for sorrow, then for comfort: for a
troubled minde, then for a quiet: for im-
prisonment and banishment, then for ly-
bertie: especiallie, seeing we know that
thou turnest them all (seeme they neuer
so sharpe) to the comfort & commoditie of
thy chyldren which feare thee, and that
in all thinges which shall befall vnto vs,
whether they be greuous or ioyous, pros-
perity or aduersity, lyfe or death: thy holy
Name may be sanctified in vs, by yelding
due and continuall prayse and thanksgie-
uing to thy eternall Maiesty, that we ne-
uer cease to put our full trust & confidence
in thy mercie, who hast promised to be
our defender, buckler, & shield, to keepe vs
as the apple of thine eye, to deliuer vs
when we call vpon thee, to open when
we knock, to giue when we ask, that we
knowing our owne weakenesse, that of
our selues we haue no power or strength
to do, no not so much as to will y which
is good: we may acknowledge all our
strength, comfort, ioy, sayth, loue, hope,
and

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and confidence to be thine onlie gyft and worke in vs . And for the same , and the increase for the same , and for all the benefites in vs , whereof we sale our selues destitute , we may constauntly flie vnto thee by hartie prayer, requyring the same at thy mercifull hande. And hauing felt thy mercifull dealing towarde vs , we may alway to the ende of our lyfe continew thankfull to thy blessed Name : that we neuer speake or think of thee (O Lord God) without high reuerence and an obedient feare vnto thy glorious Name.

And that thy kingdome (O Lord) may more gloriously shine amongst men , subdue the hearts of the people to be obedient to thy worde. Lighten all Nations with thy glorious Gospell , rayse vp faythfull Ministers of thy worde , aboundauntly in euerie place , who with pure and perfect zeale in true knowledge maye feede the hungry soules with the fode of life. Lighten the hearts of thy childezen, whome yet thou hast not called to the feeling of thy mercies in thy Sonne reuealed . Beate downe the fury and rage of the kingdome of sathan & antichriste with all tyrants, who thewe theyr vtter mallice and furie

Thy kingdome come.

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against thy dære and faithfull flock. Confound their deuises, suppress their pride, and so strengthē all thy true and faithfull seruantes against their rage: that they may haue true wisdom to confound their enemies, and stedfast cōstancie to confesse the trueth of thy glorious gospel, euen to the death. And that euerie one of vs may feelee the force of this thy kingdome particularly in our selues: we beseech thee kyll in vs, by thy holy spirit, all wicked delights of sinne, & vanities of this worlde. Mortifie in vs our earthly & carnall affections, & graunt that we may haue our full delight and pleasure in thee our heauenlie Father, and in thy sonne Christ Iesu our Lord and sauour, and reuerētly embrace thy holy Wōrde, that our soules may be comforted therein, and our sayth thereby confirmed. Lyghten our vnderstanding, that we may in thy holy Wōrde learne, and in heart be fully assured that thou art our most mercifull Father, and thy dære Sonne, our Lord and Sauour. Beate downe in vs all sinfull motions of the aduersary, which doe rebell against thy holy spirit, and settle and frame our mindes by thy holy spirit in vs, that all rebellion
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in our flesh being kylled, we may quietly with stayed mindes and consciences, set our full ioye, comfort, and consolation in heauenlie thinges, walking before thee in sinceritie of minde, put our full trust and confidence in thee, rest and quiet our selues wholly in thy mightie protection and providence.

And for asmuch (O Lorde God) as of *Thy will*
our selues wee be nothing but stubborn^{be done in}
nesse and rebellion: we beseeche thee (deere *earth as it*
Father) that as thine Angels in heauen *is in Hea-*
do wyllinglie obey thy Wyll, without *uen.*
resistance: so we thy children in earth,
(all stubbernesse and perversenesse, by thy
holy Spirit, in vs being utterly extin-
guished and quenched) we may willingly
submyt our selues; resigne and yelde our
whole affections to thee O Lorde; to be
gouverned after thy blessed and heauenlie
Will. That we may feele in our selues
no other motion of desyre, then a meete
consent to thy holy Will, that whatsoe-
uer affections in vs fight against thy holy
Will, thou wilt utterly make them boide.
That we neuer will any thing of our sel-
ues, but that thy holic Spirit in vs may
gouverne our hearts, by whome inwardly
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being taught, we may learne to loue, embrace, and take comfort in those thinges that please thee, and to hate those thinges y^e displease thee. That our hearts, minds, and wylles, being wholly subdued to thy most blessed Wyll, we may wyllingly be content with that estate of lyfe, which it pleaseeth thy goodnes to exercise vs withal in this world, whether it be in aduersity, or prosperitie, in sicknesse or health, in ignominy or glozy, in quietnesse or trouble, in sorrow or gladnes. Graunt vs (deere father) this wylling & patient minde, that euen in our greatest distresse we may be content with thy good wyll, & not to murmur or grudge against thy Maiesty, knowing that thou wilt lay nothing vpon vs but that which shall turne to our goodnes or profit. And that we may patiētly abide whatsoeuer it shall please thee to lay vpon vs, that we be assured in our hearts, that thou wilt not lay more vnto vs, then thou wilt giue vs strength to beare, and euen in our greatest afflictions, wilt finde a way for our delyueraunce, and that thy power & strength is more fully declared, when we feele our selues vtterly voyde of all strength, & see no way of deliuerance: that

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that wee may in our most græuous assaults, conflicts, and anguish of mind, submit our selues wholly to thy blessed wyl, & looke for our deliuerãce at thy hand, when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient for vs, and most for thy glozie, leauing the tyme & meane of delyueraunce to thy good Will and pleasure, and that in the meane tyme, we neuer cease but call vpon thee, by hartye prayers continually as thou hast comaunded, vntyl such time as thou shalt heare our petitions. And although after many and sūdy callings vpon thee, thou seeme not to regarde vs, but rather deale more extræmely with vs: yet notwithstanding, strengthen vs so with perseuerance in prayer, that we faint not, but wil continue in prayer, being assured that although we feele our selues nothing releasēd, yet we may quiet our selues herein, that we as thy childrē haue layd our complaintes, græfes and sorowes in the bosome of thee our heauenly Father, who wylt as a louing Father (whē he seeth it most conuenient) helpe vs. And that although thou seeme nothing to graunt our requests, yet we honoz thee in calling vpon thy name: seeing thou dost accept it

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as a most chiefe honour, to be called vpon
in the day of trouble.

*Giue vs
this day
our daylie
bread.*

And for asmuch (deare Father) as thou
dost by thy mighty power, nourish, feede,
sustayne, preserue, and maintayne all ly-
uing creatures, yea, euen the very yung
fowles and beasts: we beseech thee to send
vnto vs thy chyldren, (ouer whome thou
hast a most speciall care) all thinges ne-
cessary for this our present lyfe: that we
hauiug sufficient, may walke euery one
in our calling, in sincerity and pure holy-
nesse befoze thy face, acknowledging all
our benefites of rythes, wealth, health,
meate, drinke, apparell, and all other sub-
stance, to be thy mere gifts, bestowed vpon
vs, and deliuered vnto vs from thy
handes: that we be not drawne from thee
through setting our minds to much vpon
them, but so moderately vse them, as thy
benefites for a tyme bestowed vpon vs,
knowing that thou wilt at our handes
requyre an account howe we haue vsed
them. That we do not carelessly gape or
seeke after them, but discretely to thy glo-
rie vse them, acknowledging in them thy
goodnes and lyberallity towards vs. And
seeing (most mercifull Father) that it is
not

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not our trauell, laboꝝ, paine, studie, oꝝ en-
deuoꝝ which is able to get vs our lyving,
but only inſomuch as it pleaſeth thy good-
nes to bleſſe and proſper them: we beſeech
thee that if thꝛough our great trauailes &
paynes, we be yet ſtyl in poꝛe and meane
eſtate, that thou wylt giue vs a contented
hart, knowing that therby thou letteſt vs
vnderſtand, that it is thy good will & plea-
ſure ſo to keepe vs vnder, that we moꝛe
effectuallie may giue our ſelues to ſerue
thee. Oꝝ if it be thy will & pleaſure moꝛe
abũdantly to bleſſe vs and our trauaile, to
ſend vs abũdance of all things, we beſeech
thee (deare ffather) giue vs a thankfull
heart to acknowledge them to be thy good
gifts, & frame our harts with ſuch libera-
lytie, y we may be contented to diſtribute
them according to the neceſſity of thy chil-
dꝛẽ, beeing aſſured y thou haſt to that end
made vs ſtewards ouer them, that thou
maiſt at his hãds require much, on whom
thou haſt beſtowed much, ſo y we hauing
the due eſtimation of thy benefites which
we ought to haue: may both reuerce thy
goodneſſe in thy benefites, and ſupplie the
wãt of our brethꝛen, to the reſaſe of their
neceſſity, and furtheraunce of thy glory.

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Forgiue vs And whereas (most mercifull Father)
our tresp thy sonne, our Lord and Saviour Chrifte
passes, as Iesus, hath in our nature payde the rans-
we forgiue some and debt of all our sinnes, which we
them that haue from the beginning of our lyfe com-
respasse mitted, & do daily commit: we beseech thy
against vs. gracious goodnesse, that thou wylt by thy
 holy spirit in our harts, assure our soules,
 & consciences with a lyuely fayth, that by
 that same one alone sufficiēt sacrifice, the
 punishment of our sinnes is payde, thy
 wrath appeased, and thy iustice satisfied,
 whereby our consciences may be quieted,
 & set at peace with thee our mercifull Fa-
 ther and God. Let vs (deare Father) feele
 in our soules and cōsciēces, that we are
 vnited and knyt to thy deare sonne Iesus
 Chryst, and made one body with him, and
 heyles with him of everlasting glorie, so
 coupled and ioyned with him, that we are
 members of his body, so that whatsoeuer
 he hath done in his body, we may be assu-
 red that it is ours, that his righteousnesse
 is our ryghteousnesse, his sanctification &
 holines is ours, the curse, condemnation
 and death which he suffered, is the same
 curse, condemnation, & death due for our
 sinnes, that we knowing that our sinnes

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be done away, and cleane forgotten & forgiven by thy mercifull loue and goodnesse declared in offering vp thy sonne to death for vs, we may be driuen to loue thee vnseynedly from the bottome of our hearts, for this thine vnspeakable loue. And considering that thou hast in mercy pardoned so many our haynous offences, we may gladlie be moued to forgive one another their offences, & put out of our hart all rancor, malice, & hatred toward our brethren, knowing that we are all members of one body Christ our sauour: that so surely as wee haue forgiven all them that offend against vs, we may be so certainly assured that our mercifull Father, hath forgiven vs, lyke as we haue forgiven our Brethren.

And forasmuch (most heauenly Father) as wee of our selues be feeble, frayle, and weake, and haue a strong and subtile aduersary satan the diuell, who goeth about continually lyke a roaring Lyon, seeking whome he may deuoure: we beseeche thee strengthen vs by thy holy spirit, that we may withstande his subtile suggestions & motions. Holde thou vs by thy mercifull hand, & keepe vs alwayes in thy safegard
and

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but deliuer
us
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and protection, that we be not ouercome in the mighty assaultes of our aduersary. And forasmuch as he often vseth euen our owne flesh armed against vs, to conquer vs (we beseeche thee deere Father) mortifie, subdue and kill in our flesh all subtyll suggestions, and sinfull motions of sathā, that wee yelde not our selues as slaues thereunto, but continually fyght against them, & bring them into subiection of the spirit. Graunt vnto vs (deare Father) that we be not drawne through the subtilty and liely torments of sathan, to haue our delyght and pleasure in the vanities of this present woꝛlde: but by thy Grace, might & power, may so in the prosperitie of this lyfe be vpholden, that our mindes with full ioye and comfort may be lyfted vp to our perfect consolation in our Lord and Sauour Christ, and in him, take our full and perfect ioy and cōsolation, so that no vaine delyght of this woꝛld put vs frō the same, neither any sharpe aduersity, as pouerty, misery, or calamity, through the mallice of the diuell, driue vs to dispayre of thy mercifull goodnesse towards vs, but alwaies being through thy grace and assistance defended: we may be fully and
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perfectly armed against all the subtil in-
trappings of sathā, and rest wholly in thy
mercifull defence and ayde. For thou hast
(O Lord and eternal God) in thy govern-
ment, all thinges in heauen and earth, all
powe and dominion ouer all creatures,
Angelles & diuels, to rule them according
to thy god pleasure and will, to the profit
and commoditie of thy Church, and eue-
ry faythfull member thereof, and to thine
owne incomprehensible glozy in all ages,
for euer and euer thy glorious name may
be exalted, and thy faithfull flock edified
thzough Chziste our Lord.

¶ A Confession of sinnes with faith
and rep entaunce.

O Mercifull and heauenly Father, we
thy seruauntes doo humbly prostrate
our selues before thy Maiestie, acknow-
ledging here in thy sight our haynous of-
fences comitted against thy Maiestie, see-
ing & beholding thy heauy wꝛath against
them, we feele our selues laden (O Lords
our God) with a huge cōpany of horrible
sins, wherof euen y very least, beeing but
cōcepyed in thought, is sufficiēt in iudge-
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ment to thowre vs downe to the euerla-
sting burning lake. Our own consciences
(O Lord) do beare witnesse against vs, of
our manifold transgressions of thy blessed
lawe, of our security & sencelesse blindnes
rūning headlong to destruction, cōmitting
syn after syn (although not notozious to y
world) yet horrible befoze thine eye. The
thoughts of our hearts ryle vp in iudge-
ment against vs, the vanitie of our talke
befoze thy Maiestie condempneth vs, the
wickednesse of our dēdes from thy sight
reiecteth vs, all our wicked thoughtes,
wōrdes and dēdes, with the inward cor-
ruption of our nature, do altogether as it
were a whole lumpe and lode of sinne, lye
heauy vpon vs, & with theyr intollerable
weyght, dō euen pzeffe vs downe to hell.
We dō dayly grone vnder the burthen of
them, inwardly lamenting our own folly
so grēdily running into them. In heauen
earth, or hell, we see none able to sustaine
the weyght of them, but euen thy dearely
beloued sōne Iesus Christ, who (in mercy
infinite, and compassion endlesse) hath su-
stayned & ouercome that endlesse punish-
ment due vnto them. In him therfoze, in
him (most mercifull Father) and thzough
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him we come to thee, being fully assured according to thy promise, that thou wilt accept & take that full recompence which he thy deare sonne hath made for vs, as a iust raunsome for the sinnes of all those who with a true fayth take holde on him. In him therefore we see thine anger towards vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied, and our debts payde.

Increase in vs (good Lorde) we beseeche thee, this lyuelie and feeling fayth, for we feele it oftentimes in vs verie weake, and troubled with many doubttes. Increase it in vs (O Lorde) that we may through thy holy spirit be assured, that the punishment of our sinnes is fully in thy sonne discharged. Make vs (O Lord our God) to feele this same in our soules & consciences, that Iesus Christ is ours, and all that he hath done, that we are grafted into his body, & made one with him, and therefore fellow heyyers with him of euerlasting lyfe. Let vs not onlie haue these wordes in our mouthes (good Lorde) but through thy holy spirit let vs feele the comfort of them in our hearts fully sealed & settled in vs: that we feeling our selues inwardly before thy iudgement seate discharged, and our consciences


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sciences towar des thee appeased , may be swallowed vp with an vnfeyned loue towarde thy heauenly Maiestie, & towards our bzethzen for thy sake . Make sinne to die in vs dayly more & more, that we may hate, detest, and vtterly abhorre all syn & wickednesse in all men , but especially in our selues, that we may strongly thzough thy holy Spirit , set our selues in open warre and defiaunce against all sinne and wickednes: that we please not our selues in our sinnes , but strayghtly examining sinne by y iust rule of thy holy Lawes: we may vtterly from y bottome of our hearts, condempne euen the least sinne in our selues , hauing our whole ioye, comfozt and consolation vpon those thinges which be agreeable to thy blessed will, alwayes being asfayd to do any thing cōtrary to the same. That we may eue from the bottome of our harts, examine & trie our thoughts befoze thy ptesence, that they be bpzight & vnfeyned, not hipocriticall in outwarde shew only and appearance: but that euen all coznerns of our harts being opened and dysclosed befoze thee , we may euen as though it were openlie befoze the face of the whole worlde , bring them in shewe, knowing

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knowing that a double heart is detestable in thine eyes, and that we may walke alwayes as befoze thine eyes, not onlie befoze the eyes of man, beeing moze carefull to walke circūspectly, in this respect, that we haue thee to be a beuer of our doings, a thousand folde moze then y eyes of man, that thus we may walke as becometh thy chyldzen, not onlie in outwarde shew, but also in sincerity of heart, abhoyring euen the least sinne in our selues, stryuing, resisting and fighting against sinne, not delighting our selues in sinne, noz noyishing the same in our bzeast: but earnestly embracing, and studiously seeking after those things which be pleasaunt in thine eyes, that neyther the feare of man, noz losse of goodes, lyfe, landes, possessions o2 frends, drawe vs away from thee, to doo any least thing contrary to thy wil & pleasure, neyther the fauor o2 frendship of mā, noz yet the flattering entisements of this world, noz the vaine promotions of the same do moue vs any whit from the true and endlesse ioy, delyght and pleasure which we ought to haue in those thinges which be agreable to thy wyll, & the constaunt perfozmaunce of the same: but that alwayes
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to the ende of our life we may continue in
thy pathes, growing and increasing from
fayth to fayth, from strength to strength,
tyll at length we shall come to thy everla-
sting rest. Amen.

•  A Prayer for the estate of the
whole Church.

O Lord our God and heauenly Father,
forasmuch as by thy holy worde wee
are commaunded in our prayers, not onlie
to be mindfull of our selues, but also of all
others thy chyldren, yea, euen of our ene-
mies: we commend vnto thy diuine Ma-
iestie, all thy whole true and Catholique
Church, & every member thereof: that as
it hath pleased thy goodnesse by thy bright
beames of thy holy word, to shine ouer y
whole worlde, wherby thou hast expelled,
driven away, & caused to vanish the darke
and misty cloudes of ignorance and su-
perstition: so thou wouldest vouchsafe by
thy holy spirit to touch the hearts of men,
that they may ioyfully embrace that thine
so highe a treasure sent amongst vs, that
through our vnthankfulnesse we prouoke
not thy Maiestie in anger to take it from
vs,

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vs. Crush, bruse, & destroy with the breath of thy mouth, the mighty power of that mā of sinne, which so proudly exalteth him selfe aboue all that is called God. Let not thy simple flock (deare Father) in whose consciences he of long tyme hath, and yet dooth syt as God, be any longer poysoned with his swēte entysing poysons: but so lighten their harts, that they may perceyue his iuglings, and embrace the swēte and comfortable doctrine of lyfe euerlasting, reuealed in thy glorious Gospell.

And for asmuch as it hath pleased thee in mercie aboue all Nations of the earth, to powre downe the sweet showers of thy heavenly Graces vpon this our English natio abundantly, in moze plentifull wise, watering the same with the gyftes of thy holie Spirit, in promoting thy Gospell, and ouerthrowing idolatry, we beseech thee continue thy fauour towards the same, & vtterly rote out all remnaunts, reliques & monuments of Idolatrie, that thy glorious Name may be thoroughly exalted, in sincere, pure, and holy worshippe. And as thou hast in mercy from amongst vs in this thy Church, vtterly banished all false, venemous & poysonfull doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Chyl-

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Ozen heretofore haue bene wounded to death,
and in place thereof hast placed the true and
comforstable doctrine of lyfe euerlastyng,
wherewith the Soules of thy Chyldren be
fedde and nourished to euerlasting ioye : so
in lyke mercie and fauour we beseeche thee,
deare Father , establishe in the same thy
Church, a true, perfect, and sincere regiment
thereof , according to the prescript rule of
thy blessed Worde, all fantasies of mannes
bzaîne, and dreames of humaine policie vt-
terly abolished , that thy glorious Maiestie
only may be exalted in the light of thy glori-
ous gospel : and that thy Church may flou-
rishe and increase, beeing thzough thy pro-
tection ayded ; supported , mayntayned and
defended. We beseech thee by thy holy spirit,
guide and rule euery part & member there-
of, especiallie thy seruaunt Elyzabeth our
Quene , whome thy gracious fauour and
merciful pzouidence hath appointed a chiefe
member in the same , vnder whose winges
next vnto thy protection it hath a chiefe suc-
cour and support. Graunt vnto her (O Lord)
a pure and perfect zeale , aboue all things to
promote thy glorie , first and chieffy , in la-
bouring and endeouoring of her selfe, ear-
nestly in wypping away and purging out of
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thy Church all blots and defoꝛmities, to reduce the same to a pure & sincere soaꝛme of worship, agreeing to thy blessed Woꝛde, vtterly to remoue all stumbling blocks which stay & hynder the course of thy Gospell. Giue her in lyke manner, O Loꝛde, the spirite of wisdome, discretion, and gouernment, that with equitie and Justice, she may see this whole Kealme, which thou hast committed to her charge, peaceably & quietly gouerned: that she may studiously labour, that as well thꝛough the whole Kealme, vertue be exalted, and vyce abandoned: especially, in her owne house and Court, that all wicked vanities of this world, all licentious and inoꝛdinate life, all flattering & dissimulation being vtterlie banished, the feare of thy glorious Maiestie may so reygne in the hearts of all within her Palace & Court, that their lyues & conuerſation may be agreeable to thy blessed will, in sinceritie & true holinesse and integritie of lyfe, that from them (as from the head) may shine puritie of lyfe, & cōuersatiō, as an example & paterne of true godlynesse to the whole Kealme. Pꝛeserue her, we beseeche thee good Loꝛde, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it be thy good will, she may haue a long and quiet reigne ouer vs,

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to the benefite of thy Church, & the aduancement of thy glory. Indue the whole counsell (good Lord) with true and perfect wisdom, that in all their consultations and counsels, hauing thee present before their eyes: they may consult of those things which principally & chæstly may be for the aduancement of thy glory, & the commodity of thy church, and next for the quiet peace & gracious gouernment of this Realme. So lyghten all inferiour Magistrates of this Realme (good Lord) with the brightnesse of thy holy spirit, that vnderstanding thy wyll, they may zealouslie defende, mayntayne and further the course of the Gospell with the sword of iustice, cutte of the wicked, and cherishe the godly.

Defende and gouerne by thy holy spirit, the Pastours of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they may zelously, earnestlie and dilligentlie feede thy flocke committed vnto them, with the sword of lyfe, thy blessed word, wherewith their soules may be nourished to lyfe euerlasting. Increase the number of them, deare Father, place ouer euery flocke, a godly, learned and painfull Pastor, who may painfully & carefully trauaile euerie one in his charge, to bring
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thy people (which nowe alas in mosse parts
do wander and goe astray like lost sheepe) to
the true knowledge of thee their Lorde and
God, & of thy deere sonne Christe Iesu their
Saviour . And for thy mercie, we beseech
thee, to take pitie vpon thy poore and simple
flock, roote out all rauening wolues, which
haue craftily crept into the shepfolde and do
make hauocke of the Soules of thy symple
flocke . Cast out all hyzelings, time seruers,
and dumbe dogs, which to fyll their bellies
onlie , haue thrust them selues among thy
sheepe, and do pittifullie suffer the flocke of
Christe thy sonne, to be deuoured and scat-
tered of the wolfe. Styre vp good Lorde, &
place in their romes faithfull shepheards,
which dilligently , painfully, carefully, and
earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seeke
to winne the soules of thy people, out of the
tyranny and power of sathā, to the freedom
of thy deere sonne Christe Iesu our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furni-
shed with godly learned pastors, we beseech
thee to prosper & increase in all godly know-
ledge, all Scholes of learning especially the
two Uniuersities, Cambridge, and Oxford.
Graunt deere Father, vnto all the students
of the same, that the cheefe ende of all their

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Studies may be to the furtheraunce of thy Church, and mayntenaunce of the common wealth. Blesse their Studies; deare Father, that all vaine studies set asyde: they may so fructifie in all profitable and godly sciences, that hereafter they may become profitable members in thy Church, & godly vpholders of the common wealth.

Graunt (good Lord) to all the whole commons of this Realme, that their hearts being touched with a sincere feare and reuerence of thy heauenly Maiestie, acknowledging thy mercy, in placing ouer them a godly Princeesse, they may euerie one in their callings, walke in all true and humble obedience vnto her, in thee and for thee without resistance, tumultes, insurrections, conspiracies, or rebellions: knowing that to resist the hygher powers, is to rebell against thy Maiestie. Finally, we beseeche thy goodnesse to guyde and gouerne the hearts of all the whole Realme of euerie degre, that euerie one in his calling, being by thy grace supported, may so occupy his Talent, that thy glorie in all things may be aduanced, thy Church enlarged, and this whole Realme into sincere godlinesse vertuously reduced.

Howeuer we beseeche thee (O Lord our God)

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God) in mercie to beholde all those which suffer persecution for thy glorious wordes sake, whether it be imprisonment, death, or banishment, or whatsoever else: strengthen them good Lorde, that they hauing thee alwayes before their eyes, and thy glorie layde by for them in the lyfe to come: may continue constant in defending thy trueth, without feare of man, or vaine allurements of the world, that whether it come by lyfe or death, they may glorifie thy holy name in continuing in the trueth to the ende. Pre- serue in lyke manner we beseeche thee, all others thy childe, whom it hath pleased thee with any other kinde of crosse to chasten for their amendment, whether by pestilence, famine, warre, pouertie, imprisonment, sickness or banishment, trouble of conscience, beration of spirite, disquietnesse of minde, want of spiritual comfort, or whatsoever kind of affliction of body or minds, thou dost trye them with: that by thy holie spirite being fullie assured, that thou by this thy correction mindest to call them back to a feeling of their sinne, and due consideration of their life & conuersion, that they may patiently abyde thy Fatherly tryall, looking for ayde, helpe and comfort from thee, when it seemeth most

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conuenient to thy godly wisedome, and being by thy mercifull hande once deliuered, may acknowledge thy singular power and worke, giuing all laude and prayse to thy glorious Name: and after wardes, all the dayes of their lyfe, study and lyue befoze thee in sinceritie and perfect holynesse, euen to their lyues ende. Amen.

C Morning Prayer for pryuate houses and Families.

O Gracious God, and louing Father, accor dyng to thy commaundement, we doe here present our selues befoze thy Maiestie, humbly prostrating our selues befoze the throne of mercie, acknowledging & confessing from the bottome of our hearts that we be myserable sinners, dayly breaking thy comaundements, both in thought, word, and dede, wherein we iustly deserue everlasting dampnation, and to be utterly throwne from thy presence, yet (**O** Lord) wee see thy goodnesse againe towarde vs, who not suffering vs thus to perishe in our sinnes, hast sent thine owne deere Sonne Iesus Christe to take vpon him whatsoeuer is due, to reconcyle and make vs at one
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with thee againe . In him therefore , good
Lorde , and through him doe we come vnto
thee , beseeching thee for his sake , that we fee-
ling the grieuousnesse of our sinnes , and
grouing vnder the burden of them , maye
seeke the release and ease of them , in that we
be through thy holy spirit assured , and sted-
fastly beleue , that Christe hath bozne the
burthen of them , euen for vs . Graunt (O
Lorde) that we being assured hereof in our
consciencences , may through thy holy spirit be
renewed in the inner man , to hate , detest ,
and abhorre sinne , and to study to lyue ac-
cording to thy blessed will , during our whole
lyfe .

We doe not onely praye for our selues ,
but also for all thy whole Church , especially
such as be persecuted for thy worde : graunt
vnto them , that whether it be by death or
lyfe , they may glozifie thy Name to their
lyues ende . Be mercifull to this Church
of Englande and Irelande , we beseeche thee
good Lorde , and preserve euerie parte and
member of the same , especially thy seruauent
Elyzabeth our Quene . Graunt her all
such giftes as be needefull for so high a cal-
ling , to the aduancement of thy glozy , and
benefite of this common wealth , to the esta-
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bl̄ssing of a perfecte gouernment of thy
Churche, accordyng to the p̄script rule of
thy blessed woꝛde, to the rooting out of all
superstition and reliques of Antichriste, to
the gouerning of her Subiectes in all peace
and tranquillitie. Defende her (O Loꝛde)
from all conspiracies, treasons, and rebelli-
ons, and so woꝛke in the hearts of all her
Subiects, that knowing her authozity doth
come from thy heauenlie Maiestie: they
maye with obedient hearts humblye obey
her, in thee and for thee. P̄serue the whole
Counsell & the Magistrates of the Realme,
that being lyghtened thꝛough thy holy Spi-
rit, they may defende thy trueth, suppress
wickednesse, and mayntaine equitie. Be-
holde all the Pastours and P̄achers of
the woꝛlde, blesse their labours, increase
the number of them, place ouer euerie
Church a paynesfull watchman, remoue all
ydle Lubbers, and confounde the power of
Antichriste, and turne the hearts of the
people, that they may be obedient to thy
trueth. Blesse the two Uniuersyties,
Cambridge and Oxfoꝛde, and all the Stu-
dyentes of the same, with all Scholes of
learning. Beholde all those that be af-
flicted with any kinde of Crosse, that they
may

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may profite by thy correction in newnesse of
lyfe. †*†

Lastlie, for our selues here gathered to-
geather, we hartily craue at thy handes,
that it would please thee to make vs thank-
full vnto thy Maiestie, for all thy louing
kyndnesse shewed vnto vs, euen from our
infancie: especiallie, that thou hast this
present nyght deliuered vs from all dan-
gers bothe of body & soule, whereinto many
haue fallen, as we in lyke manner shoulde
haue done; if we had not bene stayed with
thy mercifull hande; that thou hast also
graunted vnto vs so sweete and comfortable
rest, and hast nowe presently brought vs
vs to the beginning of this day. For these
thinges (good Lorde) we yelde vnto thee
most hartly thanks, beseeching thee to make
vs more and more daylie thankfull vnto
thy Maiestie for them, and pardon our vn-
thankfulnesse. And as thou hast safely pre-
serued vs vnto this present houre from all
the dangers of this lyfe: so we beseeche thee
continue thy fauour towarde vs this day,
and the whole course of our lyfe. Defende
vs, O Lorde, that we nowe entering into
the affaires of this day, be not drawn away
with y^e vaine allurements of this world, to
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sinne and wickednesse: that we walke not in the shadowe of death, that we be not intangled in the snares of sinne, that we stumble not at the blockes of iniquitie, that we finally fall not into the pytte of death, and destruction: but being shadowed vnder thy wynges, we may cheerefully and constantly goe on forwarde to the ende of our course. Graunt vnto vs, O Lorde our God, that this good tyme which thou grauntest vnto vs in this lyfe, be not idly, or vainly of vs consumed, but that euery one of vs may be diligently exercised in his calling this daye, and all our lyfe long, being assured that thou wylt once call vs to yeelde an account of our Stewardshippe: endue vs we beseeche thee, with those gyftes, and graces which be needefull for vs in our calling, and that with a pure and sincere conscience we may vse them to the benefite of our Brethren, and discharge of our owne consciences, before thy Maiestie. We beseeche thee, O Lorde, that in all our consultations, wordes and works this day, and the whole course of our lyfe, we may alwayes haue thee present before our eyes, knowing that thou seeest euen the very deepe thoughts of our hearts, which alwayes may be as a

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byde to pull vs backe , that we neyther
do , nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wic-
kednesse : but that alwayes we may be so
exercised in the affayres of this lyfe , that
we looke still to the ende of our course, when
it shall please thee to bring vs through the
Pilgrimage of this lyfe to our euerlasting
rest , with thy deare Sonne Iesus Chyriste
our Sauour . In whose name for these
mercies , & whatsoeuer thou knowest to be
needefull for vs , and for thy whole Church,
wee praye vnto thee , as hee him selfe hath
taught vs in his holy woꝛde, saying . Our
Father which art. &c.

The Lorde blesse vs , and saue vs , the
Lorde make his face to shine vpon vs , and
be mercifull vnto vs , the Lorde turne his
fauourable countenaunce towarde vs , and
graunt vs his peace . The grace of our
Lorde Iesus Chyriste , the loue of God the
Father , and the most comfortable fellow-
shippe of the holy Ghost be with vs , pre-
serue and keepe vs this day and euermore.
Amen.

Euening

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✱ Euening Prayer for priuate houses and Famylyes.

O Gracious God and louing Father. &c.
As in the begynning of the Morning
Prayer, reading so forth, tyll ye come to this
marke. †*† Then reade this following for
the Euening.

Lastly, for our selues here gathered, we
render most hartie thanks to thy Maiestie,
O Lord, which hast hitherto from our infā-
cie, preserued vs by thy mercie from all pe-
ryls and daungers bothe of soule and body,
where vnto frayle man is subiect, that thou
hast sent vnto vs all thinges necessarie for
this present lyfe, as health, fode, apparell,
and such lyke, which many of thy deare chil-
dren doe want, being notwithstanding, as
preciously bought with the precious blood of
thy deere sonne, as we be, and yet lye in mi-
sery and calamity, oppressed with pouerty,
nakednesse, impysonment & banishment,
in which case also (deare Father) thou mightest
haue brought vs, saue only that thou
dealest herein more fauourable with vs,
then with them. For the which thy louing
kindnesse we giue thee hartie thanks, desi-
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ring thee, that as thou hast hytherto thus fa-
uourably in mercie p̄serued vs by thy pro-
tection, and euen presently this day hast
brought vs past all daungers thereof: so we
beseech thee good Lord, in lyke fauour behold
vs this night, that we taking our naturall
rest and quietnesse, may through thy protec-
tion be defended, that our bodyes resting,
our Soules may be occupied in beholding
thy fauour and mercy toward thy chyldren,
styl looking for the comming of our Lorde
and Sauour Iesus Chryste for our full re-
demption. Graunt that our slepe be not im-
moderate, according to the lust of our fleshy,
but as much as is sufficient to refreshe our
weake nature: that being thus refreshed,
bothe the body and the minde may be more
able to do their seuerall office & function, in
that vocation wherin thou hast placed vs.

Graunt that we laying our bodies downe
to rest, may be thereby put in minde of our
long rest of death: that as we do now lay
downe our bodies in bedde, so we may be
thereby admonished, that hereafter they
shall be layde downe in graue, to be consu-
med to duste, earth, and ashes, from whence
they were taken. That we hauing this
before our eyes: may be styred vppen
minde

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minde warely to walke in this our Pilgrimage, not knowing when the tyme shall be of our departure, but alwayes to be founde ready with our lamps of pure faith clearly burning, that we may be accepted to meete the Bridegrome, when our mortall, earthly, and corruptible bodies shall be made like to the glorious body of our Lord & Saviour Christe Iesu, there to reigne with him in perpetuall ioy and cōsolation together with all the elect childzen of God, cōtinually lauding with all heavenly multitude the glorious Maiestie of thæ our Lord God and heavenly Father, in our Lord & Saviour Iesu Christe. For these and whatsoeuer else thou knowest to be needefull for vs & thy whole Church, we pray vnto thæ, as he him selfe hath taught vs, saying. Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

The Lord blesse vs and saue vs, the Lord make his face to shine vpon vs, & be mercifull vnto vs: the Lord turne his fauourable countenaunce vnto vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the mosse comfortable fellowshippe of the holy ghost, be with vs, preserue and keepe vs this night and euermoze. Amen.

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A Prayer to be sayd before the studying
or reading of holy Scripture.

O Heauenlie Father, whatsoeuer I am,
whatsoeuer I haue, whatsoeuer I
know, it is only by thy grace. For by nature
I am the chylde of wrath, & I am not borne
a new of flesh and blood, neyther of the seede
of man, or of the wyll of man. Flesh & blood
can not reueale the misteries of thy heauen-
lie kingdome vnto mee: but by thy blessed
will I am that I am, and by the same know
I that I know. Therefore (O Father) doe I
commit into thy hands only, my saluation.
If my knowledge be small, yet I doubt no-
thing but that I am the childe of thy euerla-
sting kingdome, and therfore by thy migh-
tie power I shall grow (when it shall be thy
good will and pleasure) to a more full & ripper
knowledge, as of a more perfect age, wherein
my faith shall be fully able to comprehend &
perceiue the bzeadth, deapth, heigth & large-
nesse of thy great mercies and gracious pro-
mises. But seeing (O Father) this power of
full knowledge & perfect reuelation, passeth
all power naturall, and remayneth only in
thy power, and y light of thy spirit, O Lord
do thou whatsoeuer it shall please thee, to

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open vnto me and all the rest of thine elect
seruauntes & children, depending vpon thee,
so much of the lyght of thy countenaunce as
may be most for thy glozy and our comfort,
yea, & at such tyme as shall seeme good to thy
wisdom and fatherly mercy. In the meane
while thus resting wholly vpon thee, neither
can I despayre, neyther will I be too much
carefull, although I cannot attayne to the
knowledge of many of thy workes, neyther
to the vnderstanding of many places of thy
scriptures. But I will confesse vnto thee the
weaknesse of my fayth, wayting alwayes
for y further reueling of thy glorious lyght
to be vttered vnto me thy poore seruant,
when thou shalt think (of thy fatherly bene-
uolence & goodnesse) meete and conuenient.
I knowing most assuredly that thou wylt
pittie my weake imbecillitie and chyldishe
infancie, and cause the same to serue for thy
glozy, & my great commoditie: seeing that I
erre as a childe before such a Father, which
canst not put of thy fatherly pittie and com-
passion, but rather as thou hast bought mee
vnto thee, to be an heyre of thy kingdome by
the blood of thy naturall Sonne my sauour
Jesus Christe: so am I sure that thou wylt
lyghten mee in the ende with full fruition of
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the bright light of thy countenance, that I may see thee & knowe thee, as this thy sonne knoweth thee: yea, see thee and know thee my Father face to face, and knowe thee as I am known. Thus rest I onely in thy handes (O my God) crauing of thee to increase my knowledge in thy holy Word, whereby I may knowe thy good will and pleasure. And knowing the same: giue mee, O Lorde thy holy spirit to conduct and leade mee in the same all y dayes of my lyfe, that in sincerity of faith, and purenesse of liuing and conuersation, thy glorious Maiestie be magnified in mee for euer. Graunt this, O Father, for thy dearely beloued Sonne our sauiour Iesus Christ, to whome with thee and the holy ghost, be all honour, glory and prayse, world without ende. Amen.

Prayers and thanksgiuing to be sayde
before and after meate.

Prayer before meate.

O Lorde God and Heauenlie Father,
in thy beloued Sonne Iesus Christe,
worke in our harts true repentance,
with increase of a true & liuely fayth, make
vs thankfull vnto thy Maiestie for all thy
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benefites which we continually receyue at thy merciful hand, graunt vs the grace, that we may at this present with thākful harts, as from thy hands receyue meate and bzyink for the sustenance of our bodies, with moderation vse them to thy glozy, & through thy blessing, receyue them by perfect nourishmēt, and aboue all we craue at thy handes (good Lord) y^e heauenly fode of our soules, which neuer perissheth, that through thy gracious goodnesse, we may be nourished and strengthened bothe in soule & body to eternall life, through Iesus Chyiste our Saniour. Amen.

Thanksgiuing after meate.

Eternall God, and mercifull ffather, we yeld vnto thee most hartly thanks for all thy benefites so plentifully bestowed vppon vs, especially that thou hast at this present fedde and nourished our mortal bodies with meate and drynke: we beseeche thee in lyke manner let our soules feele the swēete taste of thy heauenly fode, that we being fedde and nourished at thy hands, both in soule & body: may in this life walke as it becommeth thy children, & in the lyfe to come, be receyued to thine eternall kingdome of glozie, through Iesus Chyiste our Lord and sauiour. Amen.

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A Prayer before meate.

O Mercifull and Heauenlie Father, who
giuest foode to euerie lyuing creature, &
without whome nothing can liue, blesse and
sanctifie our meates and drinckes, which we
are nowe about to receyue, that they may
turne to y^e nourishment of our bodies, wher
vnto thou hast appoynted them, that we ac-
knowledging thy gracious goodnesse (in pro-
uiding so liberally for our bodies) may with
cheerefull hearts be lyfted by earnestly to
long after the foode of our soules, wherby we
may be fed eternally through Iesus Chyriste
our Sauour. Amen.

A thanksgiuing after meate.

O Heauenly Father, for these thy benefits
wherewith thou hast now sufficietly fed
our bodies, we beseech thee make vs thank-
full. And as we feele the sweetnesse of them
pleasaunt to our bodies: so we beseeche thee
(good Lord) that the foode of our soules may
be as pleasant & comfortable vnto our soules,
and y^e we may with as careful harts provide
for the nourishment of our soules: as we are
carefull for our bodies, till it shall please thy
Majestie to bring vs to the place, where we
shall neuer hunger nor thirst more, but liue

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eternally through Christ our sauour. Amē.

A Prayer before meate.

O Loꝛde our God and heauenlie Father,
which hast prouided meate and drinke,
foꝛ the nourishment of our bodies, giue vs
grace to vse them reuerentlie as from thy
hands with thankfull hearts. And as we do
greatly hunger and thyrste foꝛ this fode of
our bodies: so we beseech thee (good Loꝛd) that
our soules may earnestly hunger after the
lyke fode and nourishment, that with ear-
nest minds we may sake to haue our soules
fed and refreshed eternally, through our on-
ly Loꝛd and sauour Iesus Christe. So be it.

A thanksgiuing after meate.

Wonderfull is thy prouidence, O Loꝛd,
in preserving all lyuing Creatures.
Graunt vs grace we beseech thee, that with
thankfull hearts we may acknowledge thy
bountifull goodnesse, so lyberally giuing vn-
to vs all things needefull: especially feeding
vs so plentifully at this present with thy ma-
nifolde blessings, whereof a great many of
our brethren are destitute, as in like maner
we should be, if thou diddest not deale moze
lyberally with vs: graunt vs therefore, gra-
tious Loꝛde, that we may be thankfull foꝛ
this

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this thy goodnesse, & to be mindfull of them,
whiche haue not such aboundance to relieue
them: that being all members of one body,
we may at length reygne with our heade
Christe, to whome be all honour and glorie
worlde without ende. Amen.

* A thanksgiuing after the receyuing of
our bodily sustenance, and reading
of some part of Gods holie worde
our spirituall foode.

O Lord our God, the only giuer of all good
gyftes, who of thy great mercies hast
made vs partakers, bothe of the Heauenlie
gifts of thy holy Word, to feede our mindes,
and of thine earthlie Creatures for the ne-
cessarie sustenance of our weake bodies:
graunt wee beseeche thee that through thy
grace, these thy gyftes may be made perfect
vnto vs, giue strength vnto our meate, that
it may be our healthfull nourishment, not to
breede in vs any carnall desire of our vayne
lyfe: but to enable our bodies to all good
workes, during the time of this present pil-
grimage, that so thy good creatures may be
our good reliefe, so long as thou wilt, and so
much as thou knowest to be expediēt for vs
thy seruants, to finish our dayes which thou
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hast numbred, in y^e edifying of thy Saints,
and glorifying of thy holy Name. And be-
cause (O Lorde) we knowe nothing of our
selues, but our ignoraunt hearts are full of
darknesse, therfore we beseech thee that this
thy Word (which is thine eternal wisdom)
that now we haue read, (and wherein we
haue had our conference:) maye be in our
mindes a shining light of thine only trueth,
and in our hearts a fruitfull sēde of our new
byrth, so that thine owne Image may be
happily againe restored in vs, and we may
be made before thee a holy & righteous peo-
ple, by the inward working of thy gracious
spirit, dayly strengthening our hearts in ear-
nest loue of thy trueth, & carefull obedience
of thy commaundementes, through Iesus
Christe our only mediator, who in the sa-
crifice of his owne body, hath purchased vn-
to vs all thy fauour, and hath given vs this
boldnesse to call vpon thee. Vnto whome (O
Father) with thee and the holy ghost, be ho-
nour and glory, world without ende. Amen.

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☞ A Prayer for all tymes.

O Lorde God Father of mercy, and God of
all consolation, without whom we haue
neither

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neither hope, nor comfort, we poore wretches
and myserable sinners beseech thee of thy fa-
therly goodnesse to looke vpon vs, & so make
vs partakers of thy gracious goodnesse, that
we may still increase in all goodnesse, so that
euermore we may set forth thine honoꝛ and
glozie. Let our conuersation be such, that a
great many beholding our good works, may
glozifie thee our heauenly Father, and so di-
rect our wayes, that we may holde forth the
profession of thy Gospell as a Lanthorne to
lyghten the steppes of a great many, that
they may turne to thee, & praise thy name in
their visitation. Thus (O Lord) we beseech
thee to deale with vs, that in deede we may
be vessels of honour vnto thee, nowe & at
forth the praise of thy name, and after this
transitoꝛy life, to behold thy gloꝛy, who hast
immortalytie alone, and dwellest in lyght,
that no man hath approached vnto: remoue
farre from vs our sinnes & iniquities, that
they may not separate between vs and thee:
blotte out of vs our offences, and make our
prayers ryghteous, that thou mayst fauou-
rably graunt our requestes: looke vpon vs
with thy fauourable mercy, that thou mayst
haue pittie vpon vs, and beholde vs in the
righteousnesse of thy beloued Sonne Christ
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Jesu , & that we may be presented faultlesse
in thy sight , and thou accepting vs as holie:
we may find the grace euermore to set forth
thine honour and glozie , and to speake of
thy prayles in the middest of all thy people.
Let vs loue (O Lorde) the thinges that are
good, and hate the thinges that are euyl, let vs
delight in all thinges that may please thee,
and let vs be grieued with whatsoeuer is
displeasaunt in thy sight . And to the intent
we may haue true vnderstanding, & be able
to discerne betwene thinges, which is good or
euil: we beseech thee let thy word dwell plen-
tifully in vs , which may guyde our vnder-
standings so, y^e we may abound in all know-
ledge, & do according to that which is righte-
ous. And in this estate of true Chzistianitie,
being instructed in minde, and ready in body
to all holy obedience : we beseeche thee make
vs to growe & increase from grace to grace,
from faith to faith, vntyl we come vnto the
fulnesse of age to be perfect members of the
body of Chzist, wayting for the blessed hope
of thy elect , and sighing in spirit vntyll
the time that thy chyldren shall be reuealed.
In the meane seasō let vs sigh with al those
that haue receyued the first fruits of thy spi-
rite , that these dayes of sinne may cease,
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that sathā be troden downe vnder fēte, that Antichriste maye be reuealed yet to many thousands y be in ignorance, that the number of thine elect may be full, the body of thy Saints made perfect, all teares wiped from our eyes, euen then when the Sunne shall appeare againe the second tyme to iudge the quicke and the dead, which tyme (O Lord) send quickly, according to thy good will, and teach vs to pray with all thy Saints. Come Lord Iesu, come quickly. Graunt this (O Father) for thy sonnes sake, in whose name we praye vnto thee. And although we be but earth and ashes, yet we are bolde to say vnto thee, (the God of all glorie) euen as he hath taught vs. Our Father which Heauen. &c.

E. D.

A Prayer for all Estates.

O Lord God Father of lyght, with whom is no chaunge, neyther yet shadowe of chaūge, but hast established thine appointed counsels, which shall not be chaunged for euer, thou (O God) hast made among vs this diuersitie of Estates & degrees, according as euery cōmon wealth requireth, kēpe vs all. We beseech thee, y we may walke obediently
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in our calling, and followe the steppes that thou hast set befoze vs, euē from the highest to the lowest, let vs accomplishe that duetie vnto which thou hast appoynted vs, and with a faithfull remembzaunce of thy promise made of olde to our Father Abraham, that thou art his exceeding great rewarde, we may likewise depend on thy prouidence, and seeke not any shamefull wayes to gette our lyuing, wandring from the ryghteousnesse of our vocation, into the manifold errors of sinne and iniquitie. Loke vpo vs (O Lorde) and inrich vs with thy grace, make vs obediēt to our inferiours, mæke towards our enemies, saythfull to our freendes, true and iust towardes all men, that we may well stedfastly roted in the hope of thine elect, vntill thou shalt make an end of all our labours. Loke vppon our most excellent Quæne, and her honorable Counsell, and as thou hast called them to the highest rōme: so giue vnto them the greatest measures of grace, that they may faithfully dispence the Talents committed vnto them. Leade them with the good king David into thy Sanctuarie, that they may see thy louing kindnesse which is better then lyfe, and say with the Prophet: All flesh is grasse, and the glory of man

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man is as the flower of the fæld, and so con-
secrate them selues to do thy wyll, offer vp
their bodies to be holy, lyuely, & reasonable
sacrifices vnto thee, that they may be nurses
& nurssathers vnto thy Church. Looke also
we beseech thee vpon thy Ministers whome
thou hast appoynted to the preaching of thy
Gospel, make them (O God) faithfull dis-
pensers of thy mysteries, without respect of
personnes, to do the woꝛke vnto the which
thou hast appoynted them, that they may
conuert sinners, & haue their gloꝛy perfect
in the day of Christ, and knit vs together in
peace and loue, that they may be full of com-
passion one towarde another, to reioyce
with them that reioyce, and mourne
with them that mourne, especially to instruct
another in the wayes of righteousnesse, that
by our mutual helpe we may y better with-
stande our enemy, and dwell safe in hope of
thine elect, tyl our dayes shalbe full, and we
shall walke in the wayes of all the woꝛlde.
Which time we beseech thee bring vs happi-
ly vnto, euen for thy sonnes sake we beseech
thee, to whome with thee, and the holy ghost,
thre personnes and one God, be all honour
and gloꝛie, nowe and for euermore. Amen.
Amen.

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A fourme of Morning prayer necessarie
for this present tyme for godly Chri-
stians, to vse in their houses
and Families.

WE most humblye thanke thee (O Hea-
uenly Father) for the sweete and quiet
rest that we haue had this night, for the lo-
uing and fauourable deliuerance out of all
daungers bothe of body and soule, which we
iustly deserue to be throwen into, for our
manifold sinnes, for that thou hast rayled
vs vp by this morning, we pray thee to goe be-
fore vs: & for asmuch as thou seest our slug-
gishnesse and drowsinesse, it would please
(good Lorde) to pull vs after thee, and to
redeeme vs those wayes, which thou hast ap-
pointed vs to walke in. And as thou renewest
this morning, so renew thy mercies, and as
thou causest the sunne comfortably to shine
to our bodily eyes: so vouchsafe (we praye
thee) to be sunne vnto our bodies and to our
soules, by the beames of thy holy Spirit,
and Starre of thy blessed Worde, shynning
into the middelt of our hearts, to driue away
all the night and darknesse of all prophane-
nesse, to chase away all want of true feare
of thy good Maiestie: and in place thereof,
bring

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bring in loue towarde thy Glozy, zeale of thy House, loue also towarde our brethren: especiallie, those that thou aboue the rest commendest vnto vs, that we may loue them with that loue, wherewithall thou hast first loued vs, which is pure, vncorrupt, vehement, and euerlasting, and therefore we pray thee to ryd our hearts of all naughtie and corrupt loue, and whatsoeuer is vnmete to be in those vessels that are to serue such a mighty Prince as thou art, and in those houses wherein it pleaseth thy Maiestie by thy holy Spirit to dwell: and therefore on the other syde (good Lorde) chase away from vs all rancor & malice, all pride, enuioulnesse, disdainfulnesse, vncharitablenesse, vnnaturalnesse, vnkindnesse, & whatsoeuer is contrary to that loue, wherof thou hast giuen vs a lively example in our Saviour Iesus Christe: vnto the which example, graunt (good Lorde) that we may alwayes haue our eyes lifted vp, & therein holden, and caused thereby to profit, vntyll such tyme as we come into that perfectiō, wher vnto thou hast appoynted we shall come. Touchsafe mozeouer by the comming of the selfe same spirit; to scatter in vs all the night & darknesse of ignoraunce, & forgetfulnesse, and of
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all those thinges which pertaine to the clearer & fuller knowledge of thy trueth. Take frō vs all negligence, all want of iudgement and discretion, and deliuer vs from all those things, which thou knowest to be hinderances to vs, eyther to walke in that great calling of Christianitie wherevnto thou hast called vs: or in those seuerall and particuler callings wherin thou hast placed euery one of vs, that we may walke so (good Lorde) both in the one & in the other, that thy name may be glorified in bothe. Amen.

Euening Prayer.

O Lord prepare our hearts to pray, bowe downe thine eares (deere Father) and heare vs, open thine eyes and looke vpon vs for thy deere sonne Iesus Chyistes sake, and receyue our humble cōfession that we make to thee against our selues, which haue broke all thy lawes, and therefore deserue to haue thy heauie iudgementes powred vppon our heads to our vtter destruction, if thou shouldest enter into iudgement with the least of our sinnes (whereof we haue so great and infinite thousands). Notwithstanding, we praye to thee to turne away thy face from our sinnes, and for Iesus Chyistes sake to forgiue

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forgiue vs all that is past, and graunt that we may haue the assurance of the forgiveness of our synnes, sealed by thy holy Spirit in our consciences, whereby we knowing that we are at one with thee: may haue our harts kindled with thy loue so feruently, as it may waste in vs all that is against thy holy Will. And for this cause we beseeche thee (Lorde) to goe forward in the worke of our new byrth, that thou hast begun in vs, and neuer take away thy hande, vntill such tyme as thou hast made an ende of it. And to this ende, we beseech thee to slay in vs euery day, more & more, the olde man with his concupiscences, nayling them to the Crosse of thy deare sonne Iesus Christe: and causing vs to feele the power of his Passion in our bodies and in our soules, that we being partakers thereof, may also come to the fellowship of his resurrection: not onlie in that wee shall once appeare before thee, hauing these our base bodies chaunged, and made lyke vnto his glorious body: but also that we may in the nicene tyme ryle from the death of sinne to all newnesse of life, and that our good workes may so shyne before men, that they seeing them may glorifie thee our heauenlie Father. Not only they that

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are of the selfe same religion with vs , but those also that are enemies vnto thy trueth, may rather in the tyme of their calling by y^e voyce of thy Gospell, yeld them selues to be one sheepfold with vs. And we most humbly thanke thee (O heauenly Father) for all thy louing kindnesse bestowed vpon vs from tyme to tyme , and especially for that olde & auncient Loue, wherewithall thou hast loued vs before the beginning of the woꝛlde: for that also y^e thou calling vs by the voyce of thy holle gospell in that good tyme y^e thou appointedst for vs, hast giuen vs faith, hope, and loue , and all other graces which thou knowest to be needefull for vs : which we beseeche thee to increase in vs with mightie increases , according to that thou seeest we haue neede of , hauing regarde to our manifold enemies, that we haue to wrestle with: and that we haue not to strue with fleshe & blood , but against the diuelles them selues. And therfore considering their strength and our weaknesse, their craft & our simplicitie, their watchfulnesse and our sluggishnesse, their long experience & our rationnesse, their preparation & our nakednesse, and that we haue not onlie nothing to helpe vs , but also do carie about vs our owne concupiscences,

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ready to betraye vs into the handes of our enemies, it may please thee to furnishe vs from aboue, giuing vs the strength of thy holy spirit, in the inner man, reaching vnto vs the cōplete harnesse of thy Grace, wherewith we being armed on both sides, may be prepared to all assaies, against all assaults of our enemies. And for asmuch as in this weaknesse we oftentimes giue backe, and sometymes runne away, we pray thee (A. 102) that with the hande of sayth, we may laye houlde on the victorie of our Saviour Iesus Christe: that albeit we be not able to overcome in our own persons: yet notwithstanding, we may overcome in His, who hath overcome for vs all, and so be partakers of those promises that thou hast knit vnto that glorious victorie. And we most humblelike thanke thee also for those graces bothe of the body and soule, which pertaine to this present lyfe: desiring thee to increase them vppon vs, and in vs, so farre forth as thou seest we haue neede of, to thy glory, the commoditie of others, and our owne comfortes: therefore we beseech thee (Lorde) to teache vs with thy holy Spirit, the lawfull vse of them: that thou wouldest not suffer our harts to be rooted in them, but that at al

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tymes wee maye be wylling to part from them. And whensoever it shall please thee to call for vs, we may willingly goe vnto thee, as chyldren to their deare Fathers, strangers vnto their owne Countrey, and members of y body vnto their head: and so much the gladder, by howe much thou Lorde art better then all the men in the world, and the kingdome that thou hast prepared, better then all the kingdomes thereof.

¶ An addition to the former Morning prayer, as time and leysure shall serue.

WE praye not only for our selues (O most merciful Father) but for all those that thou hast appoynted to eternall lyfe: beseeching thee to gather the number of those that are to be gathered, those that thou hast already called, thou wouldest alwayes keepe and to this ende (good Lorde) rayle vp faithful Ministers, bothe of thy Church and common weale, whose hearts thou wouldest fill with all Graces of thy holy Spirit meete for their callings; meete also for these dangerous tymes. Knote out from among thy Church, all rauening & deuouring Beasts, which to fill their owne bellies, destroy thy flock. Case thy selfe of all hirelings and idle shepheards,

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sheepheards, which haue no care or skyll to
feede thy flocke with the holsome foods of thy
blessed Word, nor to rule them with that
equitie, wherewithall thou wilt haue thy
people to be ruled: those Pastors that thou
hast giuen, it woulde please thee to increase
the number of them. Those that are fallen a
sleepe, and carped away with the corrupciōs
of these tymes, that thou wouldest awake,
lettyng them vnderstande the charge that
thou hast committed vnto them, the trust
that thou hast put them in, and the account
that thou wilt take at their handes. Be
gracious (O Lord) vnto this Land of ours,
and enter not into iudgement with the hor-
rible sinnes of it: namely, the contempt and
light esteeming of thy holy Word, so many
yeres offered vnto vs, & we beeing trusted
with all, so many Nations better then we
beeing passed by, which would haue brought
forth the fruite thereof more then we haue
done: and we not only haue brought forth
no good fruite, but rotten and vnflauoury, to
prouoke thy Maiestie withall. Notwithsta-
nding all these our sinnes, it would please thee
in that loue, wherewithall thou hast first
loued vs, when we hated thee, & in that long
patience wherein thou hast hither to borne
sinners

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with vs, and doost yet beare, and tardest for
our repentaunce, to graunt vs hartie and
carnell repentaunce, our hearts being effec-
tually touched with thy holy Spirit, Cry-
king these rockie hearts of ours, that they
may be resolu'd into ryuers of teares for
our sinnes, making them soft and make to
receyue the print of thy holy Word, & seale
of thy blessed Spirit, wytyng with thy
finger thine owne Lawes in them, so that
thou maist reade thine owne hand, acknow-
ledge thine owne seale, and so passe by vs,
when thou shalt bring thy iudgement vpon
the face of the earth, for the iniquities ther-
of, wherof thou hast giuen, and styll giuest
from time to time diuers tokens, which we
beseeche thee maye be profytable vnto vs,
whylst first of all we acknowledge thy hand
cryking vs, and thy counsell calling vs
thereby to repentaunce, that thy heauyer
iudgements doe not fall vpon vs to our vt-
ter destruction.

Moreover, we thanke thee (O Lorde) for
that it hath pleased thee to be the watchman,
and as it were the spy of this Church and
Common wealthe, and hast foresene all the
stormes, and treasons comming against it,
& against thine annointed our Soveraigne,
whome

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Whom thou in mercy hast appoynted to rule
ouer it, and hast scattered them and brought
them to naught, and hast pursued certayne
of thine enemies and ours vnto death, be-
seching thee to continue this watchfull and
carefull eye ouer vs, styll to doe vs good, and
to pursue the rest of thine enemies & ours
vnto the graue : giuing notwithstanding
repentaunce vnto them, vnto whome thou
hast left place of repentaunce. And to this
ende, rayse vp the hearts of our most grati-
ous Queene and her honorable Counsel thy
Magistrates, that as they syt in thy seate,
and are called by thy name, so they may
execute thy iustice, which thou so well ap-
prouest of, where also thou wylt requyre a
strayght account at their handes. We de-
sire thee also to shew these thy Graces to all
other Churches of thine, namely thy church
of Scotlande, that it may enioy that peace
that thou hast giuen it, and graunt that the
same be referred to the ende wherefore thou
hast giuen it : namely, to the full establish-
ment of the throne of thy deare Sonne our
Saviour Iesus Christe, and to the buylding
of his Kingdome there. We beseeche thee
also for the Churches, which thy hande hath
planted long since : especiallie those, from
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Whome wee haue receyued knowledge in
tyme of our ignorance, places of refuge in
time of persecution: that it would please thee
to continue thy louing kindnesse towarde
them, and therefore cause them to continue
their faith towarde thee, and obedience to-
wards thy holy W^orde. And whensoever it
shall be thy pleasure, to trye them with any
kinde of affliction, it would please thee to
graunt vnto them, that they may put their
trust in thee, hauing regard to the trueth of
thy promises, and to the good experience that
they haue of thy help in times past, & therby
conceyue comfort and hope (O Lorde) euen
of lyfe in death, & of Saluation in destructi-
on. We pray thee also (good Lorde) that we
may haue the feeling of the myseries of our
Brethren, as members of the same body,
and those that lyue by the same Spirite.
And therefore we pray thee, that according
to the manifold troubles that thou shalt vi-
site them with, it would be thy good plea-
sure, to measure out thy grace in such plen-
tifull manner, that thy chyldren may pati-
ently beare, and ioyfully attend, for the good
howre wherein thou wylt pull them out of
all their troubles. And especially, we pray
thy Maiestie for our Brethren that are af-
flicted

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licted for thy Gospell sake : namely, those that suffer imprisonment or otherwyle in any Nation, for the clearer testimony of it : that it woulde please thee to giue them patience in all their troubles, wisdom and mouthes to defende thy cause, against all those that rise vp against it, that thou wouldest blesse their trauels & sufferings for that for which they are taken: which is, to giue a fræer course of thy Gospell into all places. And therewithall we beseeche thee for the Churches of Fraunce & Flaunders, which are so miserably racked and tozned in sinder, and which are almost consumed with these fierie tryalles : that it woulde please thee to looke vpon their sighinges and groninges, the teares that fall from their eyes continually, the blood that is shed in all partes of the Lande, the bodyes that lye vnburyed, to be meate to the Fowles of the ayre, & Fyshes of the Sea, the lomenesse of Wiues lacking their Husbonds, children their Fathers, and euerie frænde his frænde. And for asmuch as those things are come vpon them for thy names sake : let it be thy good pleasure to helpe them, considering that they are forsaken of all their frændes rounde about : and therefore praye thee that thou wouldest not
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looke vpon our sinnes, nor the sinnes of our
foresathers, whereby we deserue not onlie
this correction, but vtter destruction, as So-
dom & Gomorra: but rather looke vpon thy
mercies which were before them, whereby
thou hast sayde, that although we do offend,
and thou dost correct vs, yet thou wilt not
take away thy mercies from vs, but wilt
leauē a remnant. which thou wilt multiply
plie, and make as the Starres of the Hea-
uen, and as the sandes of the Sea. Lookē
also (O Lord) vpon the outrageousnesse and
crueltie, vnfaithfulnesse, and blasphemy of
the enemies, wherewithall they blaspheme
thee, and prouoke thee to thy face, and there-
fore in thine owne cause, and for thine owne
sake, take the matter into thine owne
handes, and paye into the bosome of thine
enemies double and treble of that they haue
giuen to thee. Notwithstanding, those a-
mongst them, that belong to thine holy elec-
tion, hasten their calling, that afterwarde
thy iudgement may hasten vpon the earth,
and the inhabitants thereof may learne to
know thee by thy iudgements, that would
not vnderstande and come to thee, by the
louing calling of the Gospell. We praye
thee (O Lord) for our brethren that are vp in
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armes in bothe those countreyes : that thou
wouldest goe before them, and come behinde
them, and on euery side of them : couer their
heads in the day of battel, teach their hands
to fight, & their fingers to warre , giue them
wisdoome and valiantnesse , and good successe
in all their enterprises , stryke a dyslinesse &
maaze of spirite into their enemies hearts,
and take away from them all force, and dis-
apoynt all their counsels. And vpon our bze-
thzen in fflaunders, we beseeche thee y thou
wouldest comfort them ouer al the troubles
that they haue receyued , and breaches that
haue bene made in vpo them: & where there
are new forces euerie day gathered , new
sleyghts inuented to destroye them : it may
please thee to scatter their forces, and bring
their sleyghts to nothing. Vea graunt also (O
Lorde) that that which they haue deuised
against thy chyldren , may come vpon their
owne heades . And for our Brethren in
ffraunce , we beseeche thee (O Lorde) what
sleyghts so euer they be in , thou wouldest
deliuer them, and although they be forsaken
in the iudgement of all the world, & in their
owne iudgements, notwithstanding, thou y
halt the issues of death in thine own hands,
delyuer those that are appoynted to death.

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And finally, we most humbly thanke thee, for that it hath pleased thee to keepe vs this day, and all the dayes & tymes of our lyues: beseeching thee, that thou wouldest receyue vs this night into thy holy keeping, that we may haue quiet rest, not of bodies alone, but of our Soules also, resting from all those thinges that are contrarie to thy holy wpll, attending whyle thou raysest vs vp in the morning, to doo all those thinges y thou hast appoynted vs. These thinges we desyre of thee, & all other thinges (which thou knowest to be more needefull for vs, and thy whole Church, better then we our selues do know) for Iesus Christes sake: saying the same prayer, that he him selfe hath taught vs.
Our Father which art. &c.

A Prayer for the Queene.

O Gracious Lord, and most mercifull Father, we acknowledge thee the Lord of Lordes, and the King of Kinges, creating at the beginning, and ruling all thinges euermore in heauen and earth, according to thy wonderfull wisdomne and power: and our selues to be thy poore seruauntes, the worke of thy handes, and the sheepe of thy pasture, subiected to thy Maiestie, and depending
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Upon thy fatherly prouidence for all things.
Peuerthelesse, ſeing thou in thy wiſedome
annoyntest Kinges & Quēnes, appoynting
the to rule ouer thy people, to ſit as Lieue-
tenauntes in thy ſeate, to miniſter iuſtice, &
moſt of all, as Fathers & Purſes to mayn-
taine and cheriſh thy Church: commaūding
vs not onlie to obey and honour them: but
moreouer to pray for them, as watching
ouer vs for our good. We therfore beſeeche
thee for thy great mercies ſake, and for Je-
ſus Chriſtes ſake, to ſhewe thy mercie to all
Kinges and Princes, that mayntayne thy
gloꝛious Goſpel: but eſpecially we pray thee
to bleſſe our gracious Quēne, in all spiritu-
all bleſſinges in Chriſte Jeſus, and in all
temporall bleſſinges, according to thy good
pleaſure, that in the great meaſures of thy
effectuall Loue, ſhe may more & more finde
great increaſes of vertue, and wiſdome, and
ſtrength in Chriſte Jeſus, to the faithfull &
happy diſcharge of her dutie, that her holy-
neſſe, and ioye, and zeale of thy houſe may
be multiplied and euerlaſting.

And ſeing it hath pleaſed thee, of thy ſin-
gular mercy, to giue her this ſpeciall honoꝛ,
firſt to ſuffer for thy gloꝛious trueth, and af-
terwarde myſticulouſly deliuering her out
of

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of the hands of her enemies, to set a Croston
vpon her heade, and to make her the instru-
ment to aduance thy glozy and golpell, for
which she suffered, & to bring it out of dark-
nesse into lyght, out of persecution into this
great and long peace. As we giue thee most
hartie thanks for this singular benefite, so
we beseeche thee to make her & vs euer more
thankfull for it, and in thy good pleasure still
to preserve her for the continuance of these
blessings towarde vs, with all increase from
tyme to tyme, to thy glozy, the benefit of the
Church, & her infinite peace in Christ Iesus
the Prince of Peace. And furthermore, we
pray thee for her, and the estate, that such as
be enemies of the Gospel, & her enemies al-
so, for the defence thereof, may not despise the
peace offered them to repentance, but that
they may atcōmpt thy long suffering, & her
peaceable and vnbloddie gouernment, an
occasion of saluation to their soules, and vnfey-
gned loue to the trueth, & their mercifull
souereigne. Otherwise if they still remayne
disobedient to the trueth, disobedient to her
highnesse, & dangerous to the state, then (O
God of our Saluation) as thou hast discou-
ered them, so discouer them still, as thou hast
preuented them, so prevent them still, & let
their

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their eyes ware weary with looking, & their hearts faynt with wayting for the coming of that, which yet commeth not, neyther let it come. (O Lord) we beseech thee, but a blessed, and a long reigne to her, & peace to Sion for evermore.

Also (deare Father) so blesse, so loue, so in thy Spirit sanctifie and keepe her, that shee may in the Spirit of counsell and fortitude so rule that other sister also, namely this her Common wealth, that they may flourish together, & grow vp together as Palme trees, in beauty, and in strength, giuing ayde and helpe one to another, that in the Church the glory of God may appeare, as the Sonne in his brightnesse, & that y land may flow with Milke & Hony, and true peace abound therein, as in the triumphant reigne of Debora.

These graces (O Lord) are great, and we myserable sinners, unworthy of the least of them: therfore looke not to vs but to thy self, not to our iniquities but to thy great mercies, accepting the death and passion of thy Sonne, as a full raunsome for all our offences: throwing them into the bottome of the Sea, and making his crosse and resurrection effectuell in vs to all obedience & godlinesse, as becommeth thy Saints, that to all other
thy

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thy good blessings toward our gracious So-
ueraigne: this may be added, that the gouer-
neth blessedly, ouer a blessed people, a people
blessed of the Lord, and beloued of the Lord,
and that thy graces may abound as the wa-
ters of the Sea, in the Prince and in the
people, in the Church, and in the common
wealth, from day to day, till the day of our
translation into thy kingdom, where iustice
inhabith, where also we shall inhabite and
reygne with thee, according to thy promise
for euer. Graunt these things (O mercifull
Father) for thy deare Sone our Lord Iesus
Christe his sake, in whose name we craue
them at thy merciful hand, praying further-
more for them, as he hath taught them to
pray. Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

